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The Allotment and offtake of Rice and Wheat under TPDS during the period April, 2001 to March, 2002 and Production of Foodgrains during 2001 in Eight States of North Eastern Region

(Figures in thousand tonnes)

States	Allotment		Offtake		Production During 2001
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Foodgrains
Arunachal Pradesh	95.913	8925	46.812	4.510	200.00
Assam	854.490	123.600	503.636	70.011	417.00
Manipur	71.370	20.520	26.195	0.000	380.00
Meghalaya	162.115	12.000	50.601	6.334	200.00
Mizoram	101.337	12.120	38.255	8.887	120.00
Nagaland	130.025	24.975	29.608	18.809	280.00
Sikkim	48.021	1.200	18.489	0.600	100.00
Tripura	180.075	15.360	83.264	3.000	520.00

Non-Payment of Sugarcane dues

922. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minsiter of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) The number of private, public and cooperative sugar factories in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the names and details of the factories which have not paid dues to the sugarcane growers for the sugarcane supplied together with the unpaid amount as on the 31 st March, 2002 and since how long these are pending, factory-wise

(c) what are the reasons for non-payments, factory-wise; and

(d) what steps Govemment propose to take/taken to clear the unpaid amount with interest and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The number of Private Public and Cooperative sugar factoreis

in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are as given below:—

(Position as on 30.6.2002)

S.No.	State	Private Sector	Public Sector	Cooperative Sector	Total
1	Maharashtra	14	—	146	160
2	Madhya	4	2	5	11
3	Uttar Pradesh	58	23	27	108

(b) and (c) The information is being collected.

(d) the respGnsibility of ensuring timely payment of the cane price dues lies with the State Governments, who have the necessary powers and field organizations to enforce such payments. The Central Government, besides writing to the Chief Ministers of the State from time to time for expeditious clearance of the same, had taken the following remedical measures to improve the financial health of the domestic sugar industry with a view to enabling it to reduce the cane price arrears:—

{«) The Central Government has reduced the levy obligation of domestic sugar factories from 40% to 30% with effect from 01.01.2000 and subsequently to 15% w.e.f. 01.02.2001 .This has further been reduced to 10% W.e.f. 01.03.2002. This will enable the sugar factories to sell more sugar under free sale quota in the open market and thereby obtain better realization.

(ii) Advance release of free sale sugar are being made to needly sugar factories to enable them to pay the cane price dues to the farmers.

(iii) In order to liquidate the stocks of the sugar mills, the Government has allowed export of sugar.The quantitative ceiling on export of sugar as well as the requirement of registration with APEDA have been dispensed with, w.e.f. 1.4.2001.

(vi) The Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 has been amended empowering the State Government/Central Government to recover cane price dues as arrears of land revenue.